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## VIA EMAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

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Re: Jackpile-Paguate Mine Site FOIA Request, RIN: 06-FOI-00507-12 Second Set of Documents Approved for Disclosure

Dear Ms. Travis,

In follow up to the Pueblo of Laguna's ("Pueblo") letter of October 24, 2012, please find enclosed with this letter a supplemental list of 51 records that the Pueblo previously provided to the EPA, for which the Pueblo does not object to disclosure to ARCO. Consistent with the Pueblo's position as set forth in the October 24 letter, the Pueblo does not object to the disclosure of records that were previously disclosed publicly or to or by ARCO's predecessor in interest. However, the Pueblo maintains its objection to the disclosure of internal federal memoranda and confidential communications by or with the Pueblo and its agents. Accordingly, the Pueblo requests that EPA continue to withhold from ARCO all records not expressly approved by the Pueblo for disclosure. Also, in follow up to your office's discussion on January 8, 2013 with our representatives, please note that we have contacted ARCO about the possibility of ARCO and the Pueblo entering into a confidentiality agreement to provide for confidential disclosure of the enclosed identified and similar records in lieu of FOIA disclosures. We will let you know what comes of those discussions. In the meantime, we understand that EPA is under certain time constraints to make another partial response to ARCO, but in light of the Pueblo's recent discussion with ARCO regarding the possibility of entering into a confidentiality agreement, we respectfully request that EPA hold off temporarily on disclosing the enclosed identified documents for which we approve disclosure.

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact either Tammi Lambert in my office, or Deidre Lujan at Nordhaus Law Firm. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Governor

Enclosure: PDF list of 51 documents approved for disclosure

cc (w/o Enclosure):

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